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SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE: NETHERLANDS

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1. DEPT HAS RECEIVED INQUIRY FROM LAW FIRM OF ROGERS, HOGF AND HILLS CONCERNING AVAILABILITY OF JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE FROM GOVT OF NETHERLANDS ANTILLES IN CASE INVOLVING A WITNESS WHO IS UNWILLING TO TESTIFY VOLUNTARILY.

2. PLEASE INFORM DEPT WHETHER NETHERLANDS ANTILLES WILL ACCEPT LETTERS ROGATORY FROM U.S. COURTS, AND IF SO, IN WHAT FORM?

3. PLEASE ALSO FIND OUT: A) ARE TRANSLATIONS REQUIRED? B) SHOULD A LIST OF QUESTIONS BE ATTACHED, OR IS IT PREFERABLE SIMPLY TO DESCRIBE THE TYPE OF INFORMATION SOUGHT IN GENERAL TERMS? C) CAN AMERICAN ATTORNEYS BE PRESENT WHEN THE WITNESS IS EXAMIED? D) WILL THEY BE UNCLASSIFIED

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ALLOWED TO QUESTION WITNESS DIRECTLY OR THROUGH LOCAL ATTORNEY OR JUDGE? E) WILL COURT IN N.A. COMPEL WITNESS TO

TESTIFY EVEN IF HE IS UNWILLING TO GIVE HIS EVIDENCE?

F) WILL COURT COMPEL PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE?

G) WHAT IS PROCEDURE (I.E. MUST LETTER ROGATORY BE SENT TO CONGEN FOR TRANSMISSION TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES, OR MAY IT

BE SENT TO ATTORNEY FOR PRESENTATION TO LOCAL COURT, OR
PERHAPS DIRECTLY FROM COURT IN U.S. TO COURT IN N.A.)?
H) HOW LONG DOES PROCESS TAKE? AND FINALLY, I) HOW MUCH
DOES IT COST? CHRISTOPHER

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